THE SUFFERINGS OF OUR

Blessed Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ.*

What he suffer'd and endur'd for us, to keep us from that dreadful Place of Hell.

What the blessed Sacrament is, and the great Benefit all true Believers do reap by their receiving the blessed Sacrament.

What is the Sin against the *HOLY GHOST*, that unpardonable Sin, that God will not give Repentance to it, so it can never be forgiven in this World, nor that to come.

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Courteous Reader,

If these weighty Considerations are not worth one Penny, keep it clean, and return it in two Hours.

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FIRST, *Mark* 14. 23, 24. And began to be ſore amazed and very heavy, and ſaith unto them, *My Soul is exceeding ſorrowful unto Death.* Theſe are the Words of our bleſſed Saviour himſelf, before he ſuffered, when he was going to drink that bitter Cup for our Sins; it made him ſore amazed, which made the bleſſed Lord Jeſus ſay, *His Soul was exceeding ſorrawful unto Death.* It made his Sweat to be great Drops of Blood, falling down to the Earth; it put him in an Agony all in gore-blood; one's Heart would melt to ſee ſuch a Spectacle: And this was the Caſe of the Lord Jeſus. What a dreadful Sight was here to behold! that the Son of God, the great Creator of Heaven and Earth, the ſecond Perſon of the Glorious Trinity, ſhould utter ſuch Words, to ſay, *He was amazed*; to ſay, *His Soul was exceeding ſorrowful unto Death!* when he could have ſtruck them all dead, and ſent them all to Hell, yet he ſubmits himſelf to Death, to make us happy. The Lord Jeſus muſt be ſcourg'd, mock'd, beat on the Face, crown'd with Thorns, blind-folded, ſent from Place to Place, to be jeer'd, to be their Game; his precious Hands and Feet to be nailed to the Croſs, where he bled himſelf to Death, to make us happy for evermore. When the Lord Jeſus went to mount the Stage, the Earth did quake. The Lord Jeſus knew Angels would

would be ſent from Heaven to comfort him.

Secondly, The very Heavens put themſelves in Mourning, *Mark* 15. 33. There was Darkneſs over the whole Land for three Hours; from the ſixth Hour until the ninth Hour; the great Love of the Lord Jeſus in his Sufferings: He knew what he was to ſuffer, *John* 18. 4. He knew he ſhould be betray'd by one of his own Diſciples with a Kiſs. He knew his Sweat would be great Drops of Blood falling down to the Earth. He knew he ſhould be in Agony all in gore-blood. What a ſad Spectacle is there to behold! to ſee the precious Head of the Lord Jeſus to be Crowned with Thorns. The Lord Jeſus knew *Pilate* would ſend him to *Herod*. *Herod* with his Men of War would make their Games, their Mocks and Jeers at him, and would put him on a Purple Robe. *Pilate* that wicked Wretch, though he did declare he found no fault in him, and own'd him to be a juſt Perſon, yet he made his Games at the bleſſed Jeſus.

The Lord Jeſus knew he ſhould beg of his Father to let the Cup paſs. He knew he ſhould pray earneſtly to God to let the Cup paſs. He knew our ſins would lie heavy on him, that would make him cry out, *My God! My God! Why haſt thou forſaken me?* The very Vail of the Temple did rent at the Sufferings of the Lord Jeſus. Here was Love, Love, that the Lord Jeſus knew what great

Sufferings he was to ſuffer, yet he laid down his Life to ſave Sinners, *John* 10. 16, 17, 18.

3*dly*, The great Love of the Lord Jeſus in his great Sufferings to ſave poor Sinners; nothing could make the Lord Jeſus ſhrink; He was, I ſaid before, betrayed by one of his own Diſciples with a Kiſs. He was left alone, *they all forſook him and fled*, his bold *Peter*, his beloved *John*, all run away, and leaves the bleſſed Jeſus to drink the bitter Cup; and when his Diſciples perſwaded him not to drink it, what anſwer does the bleſſed Jeſus make them? *How then ſhall the Scriptures be fulfilled?* How then ſhall the Juſtice of God be ſatisfied? How then ſhall all Men and Women in the World be ſaved, if I ſuffer not? You nor none can be ſaved.

To ſee what Love is here in the Lord Jeſus to rebellious Sinners; though *Peter* did deny and forſware the Lord Jeſus, all his Diſciples leave and forſake him, yet the Lord Jeſus would not forget *Peter Luke* chap. 16. verſ. 7. The Angel bids them tell his Diſciples, and *Peter*; who is able to declare the Love of Chriſt to poor Sinners, though they do forget him, Chriſt will never forget thee nor me. Did not Chriſt forget St. *Peter*? Did not he forget St *Paul*? Did not Chriſt forget *Mary Magdalen*? No, he delights for to ſave ſuch Sinners. The Lord Jeſus ſhed his moſt precious Blood for theſe, and he muſt deliver them

them to God his Father, *John* chap 10. verſe 16. Such great Sinners as theſe coſt Chriſt very dear; they were purchaſed by his moſt precious Blood, *Acts* 20. 28. How ought Sinners to love the Lord Jeſus? *Heb*, 2. 9. That the Lord Chriſt, by the Grace of God, ſhould taſte Death for all Men. Chriſt by his Death made actual Reconciliation between God and Man, and why Man does not reap the benefit of it is, becauſe they want Faith; now Faith is this, to reſt on Chriſt alone for Salvation, as he is tendered to us in the Goſpel; that is, if we Repent of our ſins, and forſake our ſins. I do believe that Chriſt died not for *Murderers*, *Swearers*, *Lyars*, *Drunkards*, *Adulterers*, and no ſuch Perſons that live in all manner of Wickedneſs, but they that do Repent of their ſins and forſake them, the Blood of Chriſt will pardon their ſins, and never none that did beg of God to give them Hearts to Repent, that he was wanting in his part.

Fourthly, The Sufferings of Chriſt, nothing in the World we ought to remember like it; nothing could ſatisfie God's Juſtice for our ſins, but the Blood of his dear Son: God's Juſtice was offended by the Sin of our firſt Parents, ſo we were eternally damn'd, and we had nothing in us to procure a pardon from GOD's Juſtice, to be ſatisfied for Sins, but muſt be purchaſed by the Blood

of Christ, *Acts* 20. 28. Now as Christ was Man, he suffered in our stead, and suffered for us; and as the Lord Jesus Christ was God, he and none but him could satisfie God's Justice, but the precious Blood of JesusChrist, as a Lamb without Blemish and without Spot, 1 *Pet.* 1. 19. If all the Angels in Heaven, and Kings and Emperors in the World, should have come and laid down their Lives, their Kingdoms, and all that they had, could not procure a pardon for one sin; but our Sins must be wash'd away by the Blood of Christ, *Rev.* 1. 5. The Sufferings of Christ is laid open to all, and denied to none that do accept of the benefit of the pardon of their Sins, that was purchased for all poor Creatures by the Blood of Christ. 2 *Cor.* 5. 19 God does beseech you in the Name of Christ to be reconciled to God; he made him for us to be Sin, who knew no Sin, that we might be made the Righteousness of God. In him has the Blood of Christ satisfied God's Justice for all our sins. Is God reconciled to us by the blood of his Son? Is there nothing to be done by us? There is a great deal to be done by us; we must put off the old Man, we must put on the new Man, which is created in Righteousness and Holiness; we must repent of our Sins and forsake them. and beg of GOD to give us Grace that we might keep his Righteous and holy Commands; let us beg of God as *Jabez* did, *Chron.* 4. 10. for his Grace, and

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he will be ſure to give it us; God did never fail any that did ever beg of him for his Grace, *Rom.* 22. 17. The Spirit & the Bride ſay, Come, and let him that heareth, ſay, Come, and let him that is thirſty come, and whoſoever will take the Water of Life freely. God would have all come, but we ſay, 'tis not in our power to come. Let you and I beg of God to give us Grace to repent of our ſins, to forſake our ſins; let us do our parts, God never was, nor will be wanting on his part; and Chriſt hath promiſed, Whoſoever cometh to him he will not caſt them away. The Lord did purchaſe all this by his Sufferings: 'tis the Sufferings of Chriſt is to be remembred at the Sacrament.

Fifthly, I ſay that by Chriſt's Satisfactitn to his Father, he made the Nature of Man a fit Subject for Mercy; Man nor Woman was not a fit Subject for Mercy from God, had not the Lord Jeſus ſuffered as he did for us. As I ſaid before, we were by the Law of God eternally damn'd, and nothing could keep us from eternal Damnation, but the Blood of Chriſt; and nothing could pay our Ranſome, but the Life of the Lord Jeſus, *Matth.* 20. 28. All *Adam*'s Sons have taken a mortal Sickneſs from their Father, which, if it be not remedied, will, without fail, bring them to a ſecond Death. No Medicine can heal this Diſeaſe, but only a Po-

tion couſected of the Blood of the Lamb of God, who came to take away the ſins of the World. No Man or Womans State is ſo deſperate, is ſo bad, if they repent of their ſins and forſake them. The precious *Blood* of Chriſt applied to the Soul of a poor penitent Sinner, does juſtifie that Sinner in the ſight of God, *Rom.* 5. 9. Much more then being now juſtified by his *Blood*, we ſhall be ſaved from wrath through him, *Romans* 3. 25. Chriſt was ſet out by God for a Propitiation through Faith in his *Blood*, to declare his Righteouſneſs for the Remiſſion of Sins. The *Blood* of Chriſt doth cleanſe us from all ſins, 1 *John* 1. 17. This is comfortable News the Goſpel brings to a poor diſtreſſed Soul, that if they repent of their Sins, they ſhall be pardoned.

1ſt: Luke 22. 15. *And he ſaid unto them, with a Deſire have I deſired to eat this Paſſover with you before I ſuffer.* Here is the great Deſire and Love of the Lord Jeſus, to leave ſuch a bleſſed Ordinance, as this bleſſed Sacrament behind him, to be an everlaſting Ordinance for all to remember what the Lord Jeſus did ſuffer for us, to make us happy. The Sacrament was given to St. *Paul*. by Chriſt from Heaven. St *Paul* does not ſay he had it from St. *Peter*, or from *Luke*, or from *John*; for St. *Paul* ſays, he received it from the Lord, 2 *Cor.* 11. 23. St. *Paul* was no

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call'd till after Christ was in Heaven, so it must be a standing Ordinance to the World's end, for every Soul to remember, and also to keep in our Minds, what the Lord Jesus did suffer and endure, to satisfie God's Justice for all our sins; and when the Lord Jesus broke the Bread, he said, *Do this in Remembrance of me*, verſ. 19. 20. *This Cup is the New Teſtament in my Blood, which is ſhed for you.* Now the Flesh and Blood of Christ, is to live on the Merits of Christ; the Flesh and *Blood* of Christ is for every Man & Woman to believe, that the precious Flesh and *Blood* has satisfied the Justice of God for all our sins; the Flesh and *Blood* of Christ is spiritual Food for the Souls of all true Believers. How ought we to remember the Lord Jesus.

2*dly*, We must remember when the Lord spoke these Words, *With a great Deſire have I deſired to eat this Paſſover with you, before I ſuffer.* That is, with a hearty Love do I desire it; and when he breaks Bread, *Do this in Remembrance of me*; and when he takes the Cup, *It was the Blood of the New Teſtament that was ſhed for our Sins.* Now we are to take Notice, that when the Lord Jesus spoke these Words, and he would have us to Remember him; for it was the Lord Jesus himself, when he was leaving his Disciples, and to take his Farewel of them, and never to see them any more till after his

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Aſcenſion, till he ſhould ſee them in Heaven; therefore he would have his Diſciples remember his Words to them, that he came into the World for that very End and Purpoſe, to ſatisfie God's Juſtice for the ſins of every Man and Woman. We muſt take Notice when Chriſt ſpoke theſe Words, and how he would have us to remember him, when we go to meet our Lord and Saviour at the bleſſed Sacrament. The Lord Jeſus tells us, all things are ready, come and meet him, but we have our Excuſes. Let us have a care how we put off Chriſt, leaſt he ſay, *We ſhall not eat of his Supper.*

3dly. One has bought a Farm, and he muſt go and ſee whether it be a good Title, therefore he deſires to be Excuſed. The ſecond ſort has bought five Yoke of Oxen, and he muſt go, before he pays for them, and ſee whether they will draw: And the third ſort ſays he has married a Wife, and he cannot come. What idle Excuſes are here to keep Creatures from going to meet their Lord and Saviour! And here is another Excuſe that keeps thouſands of poor Creatures from going to meet Chriſt at the Sacrament, I am not prepared. In a word, What is to be prepared? It is to repent of our ſins and forſake them, and be reſolved (for the Time to come) to be better Chriſtians. Then the Devil tells you, tis a hard Duty; which will you believe, Chriſt or the Devil? Chriſt tells you,

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his Yoke is eaſie, his Burden is light: His Ways are Ways of Pleaſantneſs, and all his Paths are Peace, Proverbs 3. Let you and I remember what a hard Work our bleſſed Saviour did ſuffer and undergo, to keep you and I from Hell, that made the Lord Jeſus ſay, when he ſaw the bitter Cup of Poyſon, *That his Soul was exceeding ſorrowful, even unto Death*, Matth. 26. 38. This was a hard Work; but how dare you or I ſay the Sacrament is a hard Duty, when (as I ſhall ſhew you) 'tis to remember what the Lord Jeſus did ſuffer and endure for us.

4*thly*, Here is another Excuſe, to eat the Fleſh, and drink the Blood of Chriſt, is to feed on the Merits of him: to eat the Fleſh, and drink the Blood of Chriſt, is to plead, how the Fleſh and Blood of him has made a full Satisfaction for our Sins. The Fleſh and Blood of Chriſt, that we receive in a ſpiritual ſenſe, from a Miniſter lawfully Conſecrated and Ordained, is ſpiritual Food for the Soul. I do not approve, as I ſaid before, that none, let their Parts be ever ſo great, if not lawfully Conſecrated and Ordained by a Biſhop, ought not to adminiſter the Sacrament. I beſeech you to read that dreadful Judgment of GOD that fell on *Beltſhazzar*, in the 5th of *Daniel*. Let every true Believer ſet a high Prize of the Bread and Wine we receive in Remembrance of our bleſſed Lord and Saviour, when

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he ſuffer'd for us; let every one have a care of prophaning the Veſſels of the Temple of the true God, and let none meddle with that Duty, but ſuch as are appointed. If God ſhewed ſuch a Judgment on *Beltſhazzer* for only drinking out of Veſſels that were appointed for the Service of God, how do you think God will puniſh ſuch that meddle with his Worſhip that has no Call.

5*thly*. Here is another Excuſe that keeps Thouſands from going to meet Chriſt at the Sacrament. *whoſo eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh Damnation to his own Soul*; that Word is not well tranſlated, but the *Corinthians* came & made themſelves Gluttons and Drunkards. And this St. *Paul* tells them was the cauſe that God's Judgments were upon them. Is this to remember Chriſt, and what he ſuffered and what he endured for us? You think I ſhould praiſe you, I praiſe you not; yet I do believe there are Men and Women do eat and drink their own Damnation. Will I be Drunk? will I Swear? will I Lye? will I live in Malice againſt my Neighbours, in all manner of Wickedneſs whatſoever, and go to and from the bleſſed Sacrament, ſo live and continue in theſe ſins? Theſe were the Sins of the *Corinthians*; and ſuch Men and Women as theſe, do eat and drink their own Damnation. Such as theſe ought not to come to the Sacrament. Do

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these come to remember what Christ did suffer and endure, what a bitter Cup of Poyson he did drink to keep us from Hell.

6thly, The blessed Sacrament was left by the Lord himself, it was his dying Will, it was his last Word, his last Request to all Men and Women, to remember at that time the Lord was going to mount the Stage, to have his precious Hands and Feet nailed to the Cross, where he did bleed himself to Death. to purchase for every Man and Woman, *1st*, Peace. *2dly*, a general Pardon for our sins; *3dly*, Salvation for our Souls, *4thly*, Eternal Life; *5thly*, an everlasting Kingdom.

This is that the blessed Lord would have us Remember him, for he left us Peace, *John* 14. 17. By his most precious Blood were our sins pardoned and taken away, *John* 1. 29. *Colos.* 1. 14. By Christ alone we have Salvation for our Souls, *Acts* 4. 12. No Life eternal, but by the Lord Jesus, *John* 17. 2, 3. The Lord will give all his poor Children after Death, an everlasting Kingdom, *2 Pet.* 1. 11. A Kingdom of all Eternity, a glorious Kingdom, a Kingdom without end, a Kingdom without Measure. a Kingdom of bliss, a Kingdom of God himself.

All these Joys, Riches and Glories of Heaven, are promised for thee by the Blood of

of Christ, and Christ is gone to Heaven to provide them for thee, purchased by his own Blood, *Acts* 20. 28. Redeemed from Hell by the Blood of Christ, 1 *Pet.* 1. 19. His Blood alone has redeemed us to God. The precious Blood of the Lord has washed away all our sins, *Rev.* 1. 5. Forgiveness of all our sins by the Blood of Christ, *Col.* 1. 10. And by the Blood of Christ, the Justice of God is satisfied.

Now this is the blessed Sacrament that the Lord Christ does command us to remember; his great Love to us is, in suffering such a cruel and bitter Death, *Gal.* 3. 13. And nothing could pay our Ransome, but the Life of Christ for our sins, *Matt.* 20. 28. As I said before, the Sacrament is nothing else, but to remember the Lord Christ, what he did suffer and endure, or else Hell must have been our Portion. The Sacrament is the very Duty to put us in mind, how sad and miserable our Condition was, had not Christ come from the *Bosom* of God his Father, to have paid our Debts, when we had not one Farthing to pay it, and nothing could do it, but the *Blood* of Christ; that this I have named, is the blessed Sacrament, and this is that the Lord would have us to remember him for, what he did for us, and how we ought to love the *Lord JESUS*. What would any one think if a great *Lord* or *Lady* should invite a *poor Man or Woman to* come and dine with them, they would come

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all lousy, dirty, and in a nasty manner, do you think such a Person would be welcome at a Lord or Lady's Table? You will tell me no. How do you or I think the Lord Jesus, who is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who is the Son of God, who was the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the second Person of the Glorious Trinity, that invites you and I, and tells us, he has kill'd his Fatlings, and all things were ready, and has a great desire to meet us, to eat the Passover with us; and we will have our Excuses to put the Lord Jesus off, and come and meet him with our Hearts full of Malice, Envy and Bitterness; have a care the Lord Jesus does not find us out, having not on a Wedding-Garment, and he command his Servants to bind us *Hand* and *Foot*, and cast us into utter Darkness. Let us not come to meet the Lord Jesus in fine Cloaths and base Hearts, least he should say, *We shall not come to his Supper any more.*

Let us when we are at the blessed Sacrament, fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker; let us come with broken Hearts, *Let us wash our Hands in Innocence, and so compass the Altar*, Psalm 26. 6, If we go to the blessed Sacrament, we must forgive and forget, and not bear any Malice. But to consider, Can any do you more wrong than they that put the *Son of God* to Death? What Prayer did the Lord Jesus leave you and me,

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Father forgive them, for they know not what they do, Luke 33 44. Can any one do you or me more wrong than they that did Murder St. *Stephen?* What a Leſſon did he leave us? *Acts* 7. 60. Let us endeavour to follow the Example of our bleſſed Lord and Saviour, and St. *Stephen*, and come to the Lord s Table with a pure Heart and clean Hands, and thou wilt be a worthy Receiver at the Lord's Table; ſays St. *Stephen*, *Lord lay not this Sin to their Charge.* If Men and Women would follow theſe Examples, it would teach us to be meek, humble and patient, not to be proud, but to love our Enemies; to bleſs them that do curſe us; and to do good to them that do hate us; to lay all Envy, Malice and Bitterneſs aſide; to love our Neighbours as our ſelves; to do as we would have others do to us; to love our Enemies; to bleſs them that do curſe us and wrong us, and to forgive our Enemies, as we deſire God to forgive us.

Theſe Preparations, let us prepare our ſelves when we go to meet our bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt at his Table: If we do this, what happy Perſons ſhould we be? what Love would there be in the World among Neighbours and Friends? How dares any Man or Woman go to the Church, to hear the Church Paayers, to hear the Word of God preach'd, and yet can turn their Backs, and never go to the bleſſed Sacrament.

A Man or Woman may as lawfully break the Sabbath-day, as abſent from the bleſſed Sacrament. God commands us to remember and keep Holy the Sabbath-day. This Command ought not to be broke, *Luke* 22. 19. The Lord Jeſus when he breaks the Bread, he commands them to do it in Remembrance of him. This Command of the Lord Jeſus ought never to be forgot; 'tis the main Deed, the Sufferings of Chriſt ought never to be forgot; we have nothing to ſhew for the Salvation of our Souls, but the Sufferings and Blood of Chriſt. This is that which Chriſt commands us to remember him for, which ought never to be forgot. How dares any Man or Woman to ſay theſe Words, *Forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us*, and yet bear Malice in our Hearts? This is not to remember our great Duty, to lay Malice aſide, and fling it quite away out of our Hearts, when we go to meet our bleſſed Lord and Saviour at the Sacrament. This ſhould be our great Preparation to meet our Lord, *Matth.* 20, 28. *Acts* 20. 28. 1 *Pet.* 1. 19. *Rom.* 1. 5. *Col.* 1. 14. *Rev.* 5. 9. *Col.* 1. 20. To remember how dear he prayed for us.

Lord Jeſus Chriſt, his Day we keep in everlaſting Remembrance, what Thou didſt ſuffer and endure, to keep us from that dreadful Place of Hell! Lord Jeſus! as we are drawing

near thy Table, let us not forget how thy precious Hands and Feet were nailed to the Cross, where thou didst bleed thy self to Death, to satisfie the Justice of God thy Father for our sins, and to purchase for such poor Sinners as us, Peace a general Pardon for our sins, Salvation for our Souls eternal Life, an everlasting Kingdom. Lord Jesus all this thou didst purchase for us with thy most precious *Blood*. We praise and glorifie thy Name world without end. *Amen*.

Lord Jesus! as we have been this Day at thy Table, never let us forget thee our Lord and Saviour, who did this Day pay our Ransome with thy own Life, and who hast this Day refreshed our drooping Souls with the Comfort of Love to us, in refreshing our poor Souls with thy spiritual Food; we desire to sing Praises to thy Holy Name. *Amen*.

The Sacrament is the richest, comfortablest and sweetest Duty in all the Book of GOD; we are to meet the Son of God, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who came from the Bosom of God his Father to pay our Ransome with his own Life, purchased with his *Blood*: washed away our sins with his *Blood*; the forgiveness of sins in his *Blood*, and the precious *Blood* of the Lord Jesus which he shed on the Cross, did satisfie God's Justice for our sins. Can we remember such a Lord

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Jesus enough? what he has done and suffered such Things for us, and nothing would keep us from eternal Flames, but this blessed and sweet Lord Jesus? And this is that he would have us to remember, what he suffered for us, when we are at the Sacrament.

Who is able to express the Love of Christ to poor Sinners? The Church has gave it a good Name, to call it *Good-Friday:* This very Day we keep in everlasting Remembrance that the Lord Jesus his precious Hands and Feet were nailed to the Cross, where he bled himself to Death to pay our Ransome with his own Life, *Matth.* 20. 28. And this very day we keep in Remembrance of the Death of Christ, who made our Peace with God his Father, by his most precious Blood on the Cross, *Col.* 1. 20.

A Short Discourse shewing what is the Sin against the Holy Ghost.

THere is a Sin unto Death: I do not say that he shall pray for it, John 5 16. This great Apostle was afraid that if he did pray for this Sin, but God might be angry with him, for praying for such a Sin that Christ said should never be pardoned in this World, nor that to come. There be several Opinions about this Sin. Some will say, 'Tis if a Man or Women do lay violent Hands upon themselves, and Murder themselves: this is not the sin, this cannot be the sin, because it is not blasphemy.

Secondly, Some will say that it was *David's* sin, in committing of Murder and Adultery. This cannot be the sin, because *David* did repent, and God did pardon him of his sin. See 2 *Sam.* 13. 13.

Thirdly, Some will say it was the sin of *Judas*, in betraying his Lord and Saviour. That cannot be the sin, because *Judas* did repent, afterwards went out and hanged himself *Matth.* 27. 2. They that are guilty of this Sin cannot Repent, neither is this Blasphemy, so this cannot be the sin.

Fourthly, Some will say 'tis the Sin when People go against their Consciences. This cannot be the sin, then *Peter* would be guilty of it, when he denied his Lord and Saviour

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for he went againſt his Conſcience. Chriſt tells them, If ye will not believe me, believe me for the Miracles ſake that I am the Son of God; that I am the Saviour of the World, and that I am the true Meſſiah. When the *Jews*, the *Scribes* and *Phariſees* ſhould have gave Honour and Glory to God in ſending his Son into the World to ſave Sinners, then they came in ſpite and Malice againſt the Lord Jeſus and his Doctrine and ſaid, *The Lord Jeſus did caſt out Devils by* Belzebub *the Prince of Devils*. Our bleſſed Saviour told them, A Kingdom divided could not ſtand, but would come to Deſolation; and a Houſe divided could not ſtand; and if he did caſt out Devils by Authority of the Devil, his Kingdom could not ſtand. Our Saviour ask'd them in *Matt*, 12 27. *By whom do your Children caſt them out? therefore they ſhall be your Judges* In the 28th Verſe, our Saviour tells them, *If he did caſt out Devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you*, and how ought you to give Praiſe, Honour and Glory to Almighty God, for ſending his dear Son with ſuch great and mighty Miracles as he did (as I ſaid before) to ſatisfie all that he was the Son of God, the true Meſſiah, and the Saviour of the World. For the very Devils did own him to be the Son of God, Then the *Scribes* and *Phariſees* came with their Hearts full of Malice againſt the Lord Jeſus, in which they ſinn'd againſt their own Conſciences, & againſt

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Light; for God is greater than our Conſciences, 1 *John* 3. 16. This cannot be the Sin, for *Peter* did repent, and the Lord Jeſus did pardon him.

Fifthly, Some will ſay it was the Sins of *Manaſſeh*, he uſed Inchantments, Witchcrafts, dealt with familiar Spirits, and lived in all Wickedneſs whatſoever, 1 *Chron* 33, 6. No wickedneſs in the World but what he lived in and did commit; and when God ſent his Prophets early and late, he nor his People would not hearken to God. In a word, there was never ſuch a wicked King in the World. He was a blood-ſucking Sinner, he would have pluckt God out of Heaven, if he might have had his deſire; he ſtudied to provoke God to Anger: Yet when he was in Chains, he prayed to God, and confeſſed his ſins, God heard his Prayer, pardoned his ſins, and brought him again into his Kingdom. He was not guilty of this Sin, becauſe he did repent; for they that are guilty of this ſin. cannot Repent, for God will not give them Repentance, neither is it Blaſphemy.

Sixthly, This is the ſin. It was the great Token that God gave to ſatisfie the World, that the Lord Jeſus was the Son of God, the Saviour of the World, by the great and mighty Miracles which he did, for never none did ſuch Miracles as the Lord Jeſus did. His Diſciples did great and mighty Miracles, yet ſtill did them in the Name of the Lord Jeſus,

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This is the Blaſphemy againſt the Holy Ghoſt, but I hope none in *England* are guilty of this ſin, to ſay, The Lord Jeſus did caſt out Devils by *Belzebub* the Prince of Devils, and by Witchcraft and Conjuration; and to ſay, He had an evil Spirit in him; and to ſay, He was mad, and had a Devil in him. This God will not give Repentance to, ſo it can never be forgiven in this World, nor that to come.

Verily I ſay unto you, all Sins ſhall be forgiven to the Sons of Men, and Blaſphemies wherewith ſoever they ſhall blaſpheme; but he that ſhall blaſpheme againſt the Holy Ghoſt, hath never Forgiveneſs, but is in Danger of eternal Damnation, becauſe they ſaid he had an unclean Spirit, Mark 3. 28, 29 30. They ſaid that the Lord Jeſus was mad and had a Devil in him. *John* 10. 29. *John* 8. 48. *John* 7. 20. *Luke* 11. 19, 20. *Luke* 9 28. *Matt* 12. 31. This muſt be the Sin; after the Lord Jeſus had declared himſelf to be the true Meſſiah, to be the Son of God, to be the Saviour of the World, and to perform great and mighty Works to convince them; and for them to come with Hearts full of Malice ſaying, This Fellow (which was the Lord Jeſus) did all his great Miracles and caſt out Devils by *Belzebub* the Prince of Devils, and did it by Witchcraft and Conjuration; and to ſay, the Lord Jeſus was mad, and had an evil Spirit, and a Devil in him.

A very worthy Man in Abingdon, *was dis-pleas'd he did not like Things in this Book, my calling the Day the Lord Jesus did suffer on,* Good-Friday. *I cannot tell what better Name the Church could give it; and displeas'd at these Words,* Psalm 95. 6. I will fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker, *because Christ sat down with his Apostles. I think that you nor I cannot come to meet Christ in a more humble manner, at so great a Duty as the blessed Sacrament.*

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